

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 16, 2004. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1 – 43 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 21 – 29 stand withdrawn by the Examiner and are cancelled. Claims 1 – 3, 7, 9 and 30 – 32 are rejected and are cancelled and claims 13 – 20 and 35 – 43 are indicated to be allowable by the Examiner. Claims 4-6, 8, 10-12, and 33-34 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The title in the specification is amended to reflect the title on the coversheet and accompanying documents. Claims 4 - 5, 8, 10, and 33 - 34 are amended to address the Examiner's objections. These claims and dependent claims 6, 11, and 12 are therefore allowable. These amendments are not presented to distinguish a reference, thus, the claims as amended are entitled to a full range of equivalents if not previously amended to distinguish a reference.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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